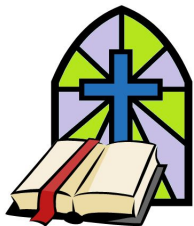


**THE 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 16th, 2017**



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK
AT OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH:**

SATURDAY	JULY 15th:
8:00 am	Trecenia Aguilar
5:00 pm	Elvira Portano
SUNDAY	JULY 16th:
7:30 am	Silvina Rivera
9:00 am	Mariano V. Papa
10:30 am	Sara & John Saccomagno
NOON	Sima Stern
MONDAY	JULY 17th:
8:30 am	For All Parishioners
TUESDAY	JULY 18th:
8:30 am	Marrazzo Family
WEDNESDAY	JULY 19th:
8:30 am	Jose Martinez
THURSDAY	JULY 20th:
8:30 am	Irene Caccavo
FRIDAY	JULY 21st:
8:30 am	Sebastian J. Crapanzano
SATURDAY	JULY 22nd:
8:00 am	Maria Luisa Peralta
5:00 pm	Gloria Creazzo
SUNDAY	JULY 23rd:
7:30 am	Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Maguire
9:00 am	Elizabeth Andruzzi
10:30 am	Felice & Faustina Ieraci
12:00 NOON	Angela Raggi

***Please note, during the months of July and August, the weekday Masses will be at 8:30 am only.**

MORNING DEVOTIONS

Following weekday 8:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Pity: Recitation of the Rosary. On First Fridays only there is the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour. On Saturday following the 8 am Mass, novena prayers are said.

At St. Anthony of Padua there is Recitation of the Rosary and Devotions after the weekday 7:30 am Masses

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK
AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH:**

SATURDAY	JULY 15th:
5:00 pm	Paul & Pauline Wicinski
SUNDAY	JULY 16th:
8:00 am	Frank Ottomanelli, Jr.
11:00 am	James Siconolfi-Birthday in Heaven
MONDAY	JULY 17th:
7:30 am	Dina – Birthday in Heaven
WEDNESDAY	JULY 19th:
7:30 am	Maria Vecchio
FRIDAY	JULY 21st:
7:30 am	Anna Cielas
SATURDAY	JULY 22nd:
5:00 pm	Jeanette Tatar
SUNDAY	JULY 23rd:
8:00 am	Catherine Opulski
11:00 am	Salvatore Della Venturu

MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF JULY 16th:

OUR LADY OF PITY

The **Altar Breads & Wines** are being offered in memory of

JOHN SORRENTI

requested lovingly by his children, Johnny, Joseph, Nicole, and James Sorrenti

The **Main Altar Candles** are being offered in memory of

MARIANO V. PAPA

requested lovingly by Mickie, Doug, Grace and Marty

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

The **Wine, Host and Sanctuary Lamp** are being offered in memory of

JAMES SICONOLFI

requested lovingly by Rosalie & Angela

Anyone wishing to offer a memorial of Wine, Host or Sanctuary lamp in memory of their loved ones or any intention at either church, please contact the respective rectory Monday – Friday, 10:00am–4:00pm

SRI LANKAN MASS

Each Sunday at 6:00 pm here at Our Lady of Pity, Fr. Mendis holds a Sri Lankan Mass. All are welcome.

SHUT-INS

If any member of your family is homebound and unable to attend Mass, please notify the rectory and if you wish, a priest or an extraordinary minister will bring them the Eucharist on the first Friday of every month.

BEREAVEMENT

"Blessed are those who mourn; for they shall be comforted."
-Matthew 5:4.

Our Bereavement Minister, Deacon Michael Venditto, is available to assist anyone who has experienced a loss. Call the rectory (718-761-5421) weekdays between 9 am and 5 pm to set up an appointment with Deacon Michael.

RCIA PROGRAM

If you or a friend are interested in becoming Catholic, or perhaps you need to be confirmed, the RCIA Program invites you to meet every Wednesday at 7:30 pm in our Parish Center. No registration necessary.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM OUR LADY OF PITY-ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

We are in need of CCD teachers. If interested please contact Frank Marchese @ 718-494-0308 or e-mail Frank.Marchese.Ourladyofpity@gmail.com

The Communion and Confirmation pictures are in. If you have not received your pictures, you may pick them up in the Parish Center on Wednesday's during CCD registration.

OUR LADY OF PITY-ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group meets every third Friday of the month in the parish center. New members are always welcome! See Mr. Frank or Mrs. Joanne for details or email frank.marchse.ourladyofpity@gmail.com. Grades 6-8 and High School. Any type of donations to our youth group program will be greatly appreciated.

OUR LADY OF PITY CHURCH: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY	JULY 22nd:
5:00 pm	Mike Pastena-Ida Pastena
SUNDAY	JULY 23rd:
7:30 am	B. Madaio-M. Madaio
9:00 am	K. Carpenito-J. Porto
10:30 am	D. Marro-F. Marro
NOON	M. Terracino-N. Terracino

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY:	JULY 22nd:
5:00 pm	C. Daniels
SUNDAY	JULY 23rd:
7:30 am	I. Bialza
9:00 am	M. Donadic
10:30 am	R. Rose
NOON	L. Buttacavoli

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY	JULY 22nd:
5:00 pm	J. Inigo-J. Bosco
SUNDAY	JULY 23rd:
7:30 am	C. Baria-E. Baria
9:00 am	J. Tangco-F. Aum-M. Maningas
10:30 am	N.Lopez-J, Venditto-D. Boniface-A. Boniface
NOON	J. Flood-M. Maguire-I. Maguire



2017 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

To date our parish has received \$80,836.00 in pledges/gifts toward the 2017 Cardinal's Appeal from 298 families. Our goal is \$93,500.00. As always, thank you to those who have faithfully supported the Appeal this year and in all the years past. There is still time for those who have not yet made their pledge.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Place nonperishable food items in a bag and place them in the back of **St. Anthony's Church**. Thank you and God Bless.

**THE 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
MATTHEW 13:1-23**

Jesus tells the parable of the sower and the seed. The seed that landed on the footpath, on rocky ground, or among thorns withered and died; the seed that fell on good ground – “the man who hears the message and takes it in”...”bears a yield of a hundred-fold.”

HIS WORD TODAY

THE 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“ Thus says the Lord: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows, and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth, my word shall not return to me void...achieving the end for which I sent it.”

As our own gardens are bursting with colorful flowers and the vegetable plants continue to grow, the image of the seed, fertility and fruitfulness are so appropriate. The prophet Isaiah, writing six centuries before the Christian era, used the same example as the parable of the seed, but also the need for water, warmth and care for the word to achieve its purpose.

We listen to the Word of God, we open the text and reflect upon it, we are so familiar with what is written and read. A more important step must be taken. The rain and snow must penetrate the earth to provide the necessary support for growth. The water cannot just run off as often happens with the sudden summer downpour.

A soft, penetrating shower offers the condition necessary to accomplish its end. So too, does reflection upon the word, weighing and pondering its meaning for me today. May my listening heart allow that growth to take place today.

JOIN THE CHOIRS

CHOIR NEWS- All Choir rehearsals at Our Lady of Pity are suspended for the summer. They will resume mid-September. New members for the Fall are always welcome and should introduce themselves to our organist Mr. Ron D’Albero after the weekend Masses, or you may call Ron at 347-770-3477 for information.

Choir at St. Anthony of Padua meets after the 11:00 am Sunday Mass. Or call Fernando Pascual, Music Director at 718-494-6438.

EMERGENCY BLOOD DRIVE

The New York Blood Center will be having a summer blood drive at Our Lady of Pity. It is scheduled for **August 6, 2017** from 8:15 am – 2:15 pm in the gym. Please be supportive.

ST. ANTHONY’S 50/50

The monthly envelopes for the **JULY** “50/50” drawing are available in the back of St. Anthony’s church. The fee is **\$5 per envelope** and you can enter as many times as you wish.

OUR LADY OF PITY 50/50

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GOLDEN JACKPOT

WE HAVE “NEW” PEOPLE LOOKING FOR NUMBERS FOR THE GOLDEN JACKPOT! IF YOU DO NOT RESERVE YOUR NUMBER “ASAP”, IT WILL BE GIVEN AWAY!!!

The 17th Annual St. Anthony’s Golden Jackpot Fund Raiser will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017. Only 300 tickets will be sold. Each ticket is \$100. The prizes are \$10,000, \$2,500, and \$1,000. (prizes may vary if all tickets are not sold). A ticket also entitles **2 adults** to attend the social at St. Anthony’s hall on September 9th. To reserve or purchase a ticket, please see a committee member or call Kathy Kryger at the Rectory (718) 761-6660 or Sue Wicinski (917) 596-2978.

LUCKY 40 CLUB

Congratulations!!

The winners for week # 19 of the Lucky 40 Club are:

Marie Desiderato and Edna Sobiesiak



The SICK

Prayer Request for Sick Parishioners

Every worshipping community is called to pray for the sick or elderly in their parish. It is a privilege to ask Our Lord to heal and strengthen the sick. **The Prayer List for the Sick** is our way of reaching out to our parishioners, young and elderly, who have received a critical diagnosis and are unable to go about the routines of life:

Hugo Acciavatti, MaryAnn Azzarello, Brook Balacco, Barbara Bilardi, Mary Ellen Bednar, Joanne Bocchieri, Jared Choset, Josephine Cordaro, Joseph Crescenzi Sr., Elsie Cuevas, Dom Dealto, Carol Divine, Betteanne Foley, Lillian Miner, Ann and Angela Recker, Cheri Rosen, Lenora Rosen, Margaret Ryan Galeto, Annette McGoff, Charles Messina, Lucille Messina, Frank Alexis Ragusa, Philip Ragusa, Valerie Rose, Peter Ruisi.

The listed names above for those asking for prayers has been updated according to months on the list.

Those remaining have been reinstated by parishioners calling after the six month period. If anyone wishes to put a name back or to add a new name of a parishioner who is sick please contact the rectory Mon.-Fri. from 9 am to 5 pm.

ST. PAULS PUBLISHING

operated by the priests and brothers of the Society of St. Paul at the Alba House, located on Victory Blvd., Staten Island, has a vacancy for a part-time sales assistant in its marketing department. Fluency in both English and Spanish, good computing skills and a pleasant phone manner are required. Schedule will be Mon-Fri from 1pm – 5pm. For a job application form, contact Dora Torres on 1-800-343-2522 between 1:00 and 5:00 pm on weekdays, or email dora@stpauls.us.

SAVE THE DATE

September 23, 2017 – Family Day Picnic

11:00 am – 4:00 pm

If anyone would like to sponsor the picnic with a donation of \$100 - \$250 please contact

Steve Bilardi @ 917-892-3017

We cordially invite all parishioners to join any of the groups at Our Lady of Pity. The following are the group titles and days they meet:

Golden Age Tues. 12-3 pm Parish Center
The Golden Age meetings will resume in September. (date to be determined)

Legion of Mary Thurs.7:00 pm St. Jude Chapel

WOMEN'S SOCIETIES

Our Lady of Pity Rosary Altar Society: Mass First Sunday of every month at 9:00 am and that Monday is their meeting at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center.

St. Anthony of Padua Ladies Auxiliary: Meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Church basement. New members are always welcome.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our Lady of Pity: Second Sunday of the month Mass at 10:30 am; that Monday is their meeting at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center.

St. Anthony of Padua: Second Sunday of every month at 8:00 am Mass, meeting follows Mass.

ELECTRONIC GIVING (PARISH PAY PROGRAM)

This is an alternate means of supporting your parish instead of using the envelope system. This program will collect monthly contributions from your checking, savings or credit card accounts. There is **NO COST** to you, the parishioner, to participate in this program. Log onto www.parishpay.com or call 1-866-727-4741 Ext. 1

SAINT FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES

St. Francis Catholic Singles is a contemporary circle of men and women in their 30s, 40s, and 50s who are single or single again and wish to lead more fulfilled, empowered lives by deepening their Catholic spirituality and building community with like minded peers. New and returning members always welcome. Holy Family Parish, 366 Watchogue Road, S.I., NY 718-761-6663

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Our Lady of Czestochowa

Polish Festival, Doylestown, PA

Mummers to perform in the Pavilion

Bus will leave at 8:30 am from

St. Anthony of Padua Church

Payment for the trip is \$60

Please make check payable to:

Deacon Joe Rentkowski

You may put your payment in an envelope marked
"Attn: Dcn Joe" and deposit in the weekly collection .

Seats are available.

For information and reservation please call
Deacon Joseph Rentkowski @ 718-727-4567

3 Hearty Breakfast Buffets at the Hotel including 1 Farewell

Mimosa Breakfast

3 Dinners and 1 Lunch plus a Red Carpet Welcome and
Reception

An Evening Musical Revue

Italian Marketplace for Olive Oil Tasting & Product Sampling

Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater and Kentuck Knob

Paint a Souvenir Olive Oil Bottle and enjoy a homemade
biscotti

Flight 93 National Memorial Site & Visitor's Center

Quecreek Mine Rescue Foundation

Fort Ligonier – Pre Revolutionary Fort

The Compass Inn Museum

Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation

All tips and taxes (except local guides & bus driver)

For information and reservation please contact

Deacon Joseph Rentkowski @ 718-727-4567

Clare Employment Group

The St. Clare's Employment Group provides job
search assistance and career advisement to the
unemployed and their families, and anyone who is
concerned about a layoff or career advancement. We
also provide one on one employment advisement by
appointment. To make an appointment or for general
information, please call the Rectory at 718-984-7873.

The St. Clare's Employment Group Schedule is as
follows:

July 20, 2017 – "The Six Steps to Reemployment"

August 17, 2017 - "Overcoming Obstacles and
Making Adjustments"

Our group meetings start at 7:30 pm and take place in
the St. Clare's Presentation Center, 169 Lindenwood
Rd. S.I., NY 10308.

BUS TRIP

Sands Casino – Bethlehem, PA

July 20th, 2017. Bus leaves Our Lady of Pity Church at
9:00 am. Cost is \$38 per person with \$30 cash back
and \$5 food voucher. We need at least 35 people for
the bus to go. For information and reservation please
call Agnes Davis at 718-494-5475.

**IN A WORLD WHERE YOU CAN BE ANYTHING...
BE KIND!**

VIRGINIA BEACH

Sunday, August 27th – Thursday, August 31st, 2017

Package includes 4 nights accommodations at the Surf
Break Oceanfront Hotel. Welcome Reception,
4 Breakfasts, 4 dinners, 1 Lunch.

Sightseeing includes Botanical Garden, Mermaid
Winery, Cruise the Victory Rover, a navel themed
vessel.

Day 4 – A stop at Dover Downs for lunch (on own).

Price – Single \$ 1,025, Double \$985, Triple \$925

For reservation and further information please call
Lena at 718-761-8216 or 347-546-5250

OUR LADY OF PITY PRESENTS From Hunterton Hills Playhouse An All New Patriotic Musical "The Land We Love"

Tuesday Matinee – August 8, 2017

Price: \$87.00 Includes Transportation

Full Course Meal, Show, Fabulous Deserts and
Gratuities.

Bus leaves Our Lady of Pity Parking Lot at 9:45 am

For reservations: Call Lena, 718-761-8216

A TASTE OF THE LAUREN HIGHLAND, PENNSYLVANIA

Sunday – Wednesday, July 23rd – 26th, 2017

\$799 per person twin/\$1,039 per person single

Trip Includes: